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A LEGEND OF CHRISTMAS EVE.

As a child the world's Redeemer
Clasps his Mother's hand to-night,
And his infant brow is shining
With that radiance, softly bright,
Making once in Bethlehem's stable cold and darkness fire and light.

As a child among the children
Of his Father's house he stands
When the Christmas-trees are kindled
By the busy angel's hands:
Swiftly on glad mission speeding, to and fro, the white-winged bands.

Echoeth through the courts of Heaven
Sound of unchecked childish mirth,
Keeping, with a soft-voiced clamor,
Holy day of happy birth
When a child, to win man's loving, came the Lord of Heaven and earth.

Stands his tree among the others,
Tall and strong and very fair;
Sweetest scent of earthly forests
Filling all the heavenly air,
Lifting, as it were, in incense, grateful earth's adorning prayer.

But scarce lighted are the tapers
On the Christ-child's cross-boughed tree,
And the angels, as they pass it,
Scarcely seem its want to see
Through the myriad lights that sparkle like the sun upon the sea.

And the hosts of little children,
Happy-hearted, scarcely mark
In the light of Jesus' smiling
That his tree alone is dark;
That where lights should burn the brightest, shineth but the tiniest spark.

Till one little soul that, nestling
Lovingly at Mary's feet—
Finding thought of earthly mother
In her hand's caresses sweet—
Questioning words of childish wonder doth with grieving heart repeat:

"Why hath none our Lord's tree lighted?"
Soft he speaketh, unafraid,
Then unto him Mary answering:
"Tender heart, be not dismayed,
Though thy tree like star be gleaming, and my Son's seem dark with shade.

"All thy tapers God's dear angels
Set with heavenly love aglow,
But the flames my Son's to kindle
Must be born on earth below,
Must ascend from each soul's altar bought with love so long ago.

"Every thought of him uprising
From a loving human heart
Swift shall make dark-seeming taper
Into golden shining start;
So he wills his earthly brothers in his Christmas shall have part.

"Every kindly thought for others,
Every loving action wrought,
Every sigh of soul's contrition,
Shall with kindling flame be fraught,
And the burning candles symbol earthly love in deed and thought.

"Lonely were my Son in heaven,
And in Heart unsatisfied,
Did to-night amid earth's gladness
Rise no thought of Him that died,
Rise no thought of her that worshipped Bethlehem's manger straw beside

"Royal gifts to men he giveth,
And his angels on them wait;
But the Lord of men and angels
Chooseth ever humblest state,
And in lowliest heart that loves him seeks his own love's thirst to sate.

"So he chooseth that no angels
Light to-night his Christmas tree:
Heavenly service for his brothers,
For himself earth's charity;
And the brightness of his Christmas measure of earth's love shall be."

On the Christ-child's tree the tapers
With a glow, e'er deep'ning shine—
Prayers of grateful heart ascending,
Sin o'erthrown in some soul's shrine,
Loving thought in noble action grown more like to love divine.

Then the Christ-child, smiling softly,
Gazeth in his Mother's eyes,
Listening to the angels' singing
Sounding through the starlit skies,
"Gloria in excelsis Deo"—as of old the strong words rise.

With the song of angels mingling
Earth's glad Christmas harmony,
And the Peace of God descending
In hearts warm with charity,
While far down the streets of jasper shines the Christ-child's Christmas-tree.

—Edith M. Cook in Catholic World for January.

ONE CHRISTMAS.

I did not expect any company for Christmas, yet could not allow the day to pass without some slight observance, such as decking; so my servant and myself had decked the rooms with evergreens, and were busily engaged making mince pies, crullers, and other indigestible delicacies, when little Ben Shafer rushed into the kitchen exclaiming:

"Miss Bronson, I bin down to postoffice for pap, and Miss Lippencott give me this letter for you 'cause she tho't it might be from some of yer folks who're comin' to Christmas with ye!" He threw the letter across the table and ran out again in the same breathless way.

It was from my sister, Mrs. Elwood, who wrote to inform me that herself, her daughter Lucy, and Mr. Mayhew, the gentleman to whom Lucy was engaged, would spend Christmas with me. I had not seen my niece since she had grown to womanhood, and Mr. Mayhew was an entire stranger, consequently after reading the letter I was thrown into a flurry of excitement at this threatened invasion of my quiet home.

"Mary," I said addressing my servant, "three visitors are coming to spend Christmas with us."

"Yes'm," was the laconic answer.

"I really believe if I should announce the expected arrival of Queen Victoria you would answer yes'm in the same indifferent tone," I observed in a slightly irritated voice, for the cool reception of the, to me, exciting news annoyed me. Her face flushed for a moment, but she made no further comments.

Mary was a comely-looking young woman, with large, soft, brown eyes and an abundance of brown hair slightly tinged with red. She was remarkably neat in appearance, reserved and ladylike in manner. She had been with me nearly three years, and during that period I had never seen even the shadow of a smile on her face; yet she was by no means sullen—only very sad. When she first came to live with me her melancholy demeanor had a most depressing effect upon my spirits. Her predecessor had been a rollicking Irish girl, who made the whole house ring with her merry laughter; therefore I found it difficult to accustom myself to Mary's sad ways.

Once I spoke to her about her dejected air, telling her she should always try to look at the bright side of life. She answered in a voice quivering with suppressed sobs.

"Life has no bright side for me, Miss Bronson. All the brightness died out of it years ago."

"You are too young to be so utterly hopeless. Life should hold many attractions for you still."

She shook her head sadly.

"I am twenty-six, but so much numbing, heart-breaking sorrow, has been crowded into the past few years that it seems as if I had lived a century. Before that I was, oh, so happy—so happy." She uttered the words in a wailing sort of way, and raised her eyes heavenward as if appealing for aid to endure her burden of sorrow, then, clasping her hands convulsively over her forehead, she stood for a moment like a marble image of despair. "Oh, God, help me to bear it patiently!" she sobbed, and hurrying out into the garden she walked for an hour or more up and down the graveled path.

When she returned to the house her violent agitation had subsided and her face assumed its expression of intense sadness. Her strange actions terrified me, and ever after I carefully avoided referring to the grief which overshadowed her life. Certain days in the year she would appear more dejected than usual. These days, I soon learned, were anniversaries of some dead joy or overwhelming affliction. I finally grew accustomed to her peculiar ways, and finding her so thoroughly good and faithful, treated her like a companion, or friend rather than a servant.

When my guests arrived everything was ready. Mary and I had done our utmost to make the house appear inviting, and the table covered with a snowy cloth fairly groaned under the weight of tempting viands. She was in a remarkably cheerful mood, and looked really pretty in the dark blue dress, white apron and white muslin cap donned for the occasion: The cap was exceedingly becoming, but greatly altered her appearance. It was a fancy of hers to wear the cap when strangers were present. When we were alone we took our meals together.

As soon as our Christmas greetings were over I led the way into the dining-room. Just then Mary came in with a platter of broiled chicken. I observed Mr. Mayhew glared at her with startled expression. She went out again without raising her eyes.

"Then you were born in Trenton," said my sister Helen in answer to a former remark made by Mr. Mayhew.

"Yes I was born in Trenton, and lived there until I was twenty-three."

At that moment Mary returned with the dinner-plates. She stopped suddenly and stared at the speaker in a dazed sort of way, apparently forgetful of her errand, until I whispered:

"Put the plates on the table."

"Yes'm," she answered. Turning to leave the room she staggered and caught the door frame. I thought nothing of the movement, supposing she had tripped against the rug.

When my guests left the dining-room I went into the kitchen to tell Mary that the dinner was a decided success. I found her sitting on an old settee with her head thrown back against the window ledge. Her face was deathly pale and her eyes closed.

"Are you ill, Mary?" I asked, taking her hand, which was cold and limp. Receiving no answer, I called Helen, and together we succeeded in restoring her to consciousness. She looked around her in a bewildered way, then pointing toward the dining-room, said in a gasping voice:

"Tell him—I forgive—Tell him—I have gone to—baby—I hope he—" between the struggles for breath I caught the words, "will—happy."

"She's fainted again," remarked Helen, applying the restoratives once more, but this time without success, for we saw no signs of returning life.

I was thoroughly alarmed, and sent Mr. Mayhew for the doctor, who, fortunately, was at home, and obeyed the summons instantly. He took Mary's hand, placed his ear over her heart, opened her eyelids and examined her pupils, and then said slowly:

"She is dead. The question is, what has killed her? Heart disease, probably, accelerated by a severe shock."

I was completely unnerved, and wept sincere, heartfelt tears over the inanimate form of my poor Mary, who died as she had lived, making no moan over her burden of pain and sorrow.

In the room Mary occupied was a small box, which I carried down to the parlor, after the first excitement had subsided, thinking that by examining the contents I might gain some clew as to the whereabouts of her friends.

The box contained mementoes such as women treasure. There was a package of yellow letters tied together with a bit of faded ribbon, a little blue shoe, still bearing the imprint of a baby foot, a lock of dark hair and a golden curl held together by a band of crape, and several photographs.

"All the letters were evidently written by the same person," said Helen, who had been examining the dates, "and this seems to have been the last one received. It is dated 'Christmas Eve, 1872.'" It is addressed to 'My darling wife,' and signed 'Your affectionate husband.'"

"Here is a photograph with something written on the margin. Perhaps you may be able to decipher it, Mr. Mayhew. The words are almost effaced."

I held the picture toward him. He was seated on the sofa, some distance from the table, but came forward and took it from my hand. I saw him start and turn pale, while great beads of perspiration broke out on his forehead.

"George Mayhew, died March, 1873," he read, in a low, trembling voice, while his strong frame shook like an aspen.

He covered his face with his hands and sobbed in a dry tearless sort of way that made my heart ache with pity.

Lucy and her mother looked at him in blank astonishment.

"Let me see her, Miss Bronson. She was my wife," he said, in tones of the deepest anguish.

I took the lamp, and silently led the way to the room where we had laid her. He threw himself on his knees beside the lounge and placed his cheek against the cold still face. I put the lamp down and turned away, leaving him alone with his dead.

"Aunt Ruth, what does it all mean?" demanded Lucy, with an injured air.

"It means that Mary was Mr. Mayhew's wife. Doubtless when his grief is spent he will explain. Such grief is surely born of love," I responded.

Lucy's face grew pallid. She clenched her hands and walked to the other side of the room. I wondered if she was jealous of his dead love.

Despite my remonstrances he passed the night in the room where Mary's body lay. Before I retired he told me the brief story of his wedded life; how he had married Mary Corson, the name I knew her by, when she was a mere child and he had not reached man's estate; how happily they had lived together for three years, and about the baby that had come to strengthen the bond of affection between them. Then sorrow marked them for its own. He lost his situation, went to Philadelphia hoping to better his fortune, and, as a last resort, shipped on a sailing vessel carrying cargoes from one port to another; was wrecked and all on board were reported lost. But he and two companions were rescued by a ship bound for Liverpool. Through the kindness of the captain who had saved his life he obtained a position in a Liverpool shipping-house. He wrote to his wife apprising her of his safety and told her he would send for her and baby as soon as possible. She never received the letter; for, after waiting week after week for a reply, his own letter was returned to him. Then he asked for leave of absence, and came home only to learn that his child had died about the time he was wrecked, and his wife had gone away, no one knew whither. He employed a detective to continue the search and went back to Liverpool. Later, the detective sent an account of the death of a woman, the name and personal description answering to that of his wife, and for years he had mourned her as dead. He remained in Liverpool, became a partner in the firm, and now had charge of the New York branch.

Poor Mary had believed him dead, and when she recognized him in Lucy's betrothed, her sorrow-stricken heart could bear no more. Had she lived a half hour longer she might have learned that he had been faithful for many years after their separation; but she died believing him false—doubtless thinking he had deserted her.

Mr Mayhew and Lucy were married last July, and are going to spend Christmas with me.

A CHRISTMAS LEGEND.—A pretty German legend of the Christmas time is told in many of the cottage homes of that country, suggestive of kindly impulse and unselfishness. It relates how, on one Christmas Eve, when the night was dark and the snow was falling fast, Herman, the charcoal burner, drew his cloak tighter around him and approached his lonely hut in the woods, while the wind whistled fiercely through the trees of the Black Forest. He was poor and worked hard to support his little family, and many were his cares and his trials, which did not, however, permit his kind heart to forget the misfortunes of others. Before he reached the little hut, where he had toiled at his work through many a day, he on this stormy night, heard a low, plaintive call, as of a child in distress. Guided by the sound, he groped about, and found a little one, alone, and shivering in the cold, scantily clad, near the door of his own hut.

In reply to the kind man's tender words of sympathy at finding the forsaken child where it must needs have perished of cold and hunger, the little one could utter no reply, but spoke with beseeching eyes the gratitude he felt for his deliverance, as the good man wrapped his cloak aroundd his shivering limbs and carried him to his cottage home.

When he opened the door, he exclaimed, "Here, wife, is a guest to our Christmas Eve supper;" and he led the new-comer by his tiny hand to the blazing hearth-fire, where he soon regained the needful warmth and comfort.

"And welcome he is," said the wife. "Let him share with us the gifts which Christmas Eve has brought; in which children and all agreed.

A BRAVE IRISH LAD.—In the French Army, the bugler of the 18th Royal Irish Regiment, at the recent battle of Tel-el-Kebir, would have received the cross and bugle of honor. The youngster, a mere lad, was breast to breast with Major Hart at the head of the attacking force. Turning, as he scrambled up the face of the works, to sound the charging call, a hostile rifle butt came down on his head, and he was tumbled back into the ditch. He staggered to his feet, picked up his bugle, and followed the red wave, which had rolled by during his disaster. He got to the front, while the rank and file were treating the foe to the cold steel, according to the prescription of Sir Garnet Wolsely. Here he raised a brazen note, but in the midst of it was bayoneted in the shoulder by a Nubian. The Irish boy had lost his sword in his fall, but he held his bugle in his fist, and with this he joined battle with his black antagonist, whom he put down in no time with that "point of war," called in Ireland "a hand and foot." Then, standing over the prostrate captive, he blew a triumphant blast. The performance is related by Lieut. Drummond Wolff, who adds in his letter that the drollery of the performance set the soldiers laughing even in the very thick of the carnage. The feat had more humor and not less valor in it than that of the French drummer at the battle of the Pyramids, who had his right hand slashed off by a horseman of the desert, but kept hammering the sheepskin with his left.—*Belfast Examiner.*

THE OUTLINE OF A CHRISTMAS ROMANCE.—It was Christmas Eve.

Streets—brilliantly lit shop windows—toys—gay crowds—snow on the ground—everybody out—Christmas turkey.

Jane Allalone wandered alone—crowd—sweet sad face, wistful eyes.

Five years before, James Goodygoody—Christmas Eve—betrothed to Jane—sailed away—India—ship lost—never heard of—foundered on coast of Africa.

Jane—held on to hope—never would marry—pined away—etc.

William Badybady—rich, corrupt, dissipated—mortgage on Jane's mother's house—foreclosure.

Away, villain! Rather poverty, crusts, etc. Turned out of doors—homeless.

Down by the dark river—Pier No. 8. She was about to take the fatal plunge. In fact, Jane Allalone did. But just then the ship, with James Goodygoody, which had not been lost at all, came sailing up to the dock, loaded to the water's edge with china, silk dresses and tea. Captain Goodygoody saw Jane struggling in the river. He fished her out with a boathook and hauled her on board.

"My Jane!"

"My James!"

The cook dried her at the galley stove They were married on Christmas.

Satisfactory Evidence.

J. W. Graham, Wholesale Druggist, of Austin, Texas, writes: I have been handling DR. HALL'S BALSAM FOR THE LUNGS for the past year, and have found it one of the most salable medicines I have ever had in my house for Coughs, Colds and even Consumption, always giving entire satisfaction. Please send me one gross by Saturday's steamer.

Dr. Green's Oxygenated Bitters

is the oldest and best remedy for Dyspepsia, Biliousness, Malaria, Indigestion, all disorders of the Stomach, and all diseases indicating an impure condition of the Blood, Kidneys and Liver.

DURNO'S CATARRH SNUFF cures Catarrh and all affections of mucous membrane.

Dr. Roger's Vegetable Worm Syrup instantly destroys worms and removes the Secretions which cause them.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

A loud and laughing welcome to merry Christmas bells,
All hail with happy gladness the well-known chant that swells;
We list the pealing anthem chord, we hear the midnight strain,
And love the tidings that proclaim a Christmas tide again.
But there must be a melody, of purer, deeper sound,
A rich keynote, whose echo runs through all the music round.
Let kindly voices ring beneath low roof or palace dome,
For these alone are Christmas chimes that bless a Christmas Home.

TREED BY WOLVES.

A Pike County Christmas Sketch.

BY ED. MOTT.

"The circumstances I am about to tell didn't happen within my recollection. I got 'em clean out from Uncle—I should say the late Mr. Peleg Underhill. Peleg didn't know them from personal recollection, either, as he hadn't fell heir to any grandfather at that time, and wasn't in that part of the country. Peleg's grandfather's name was Ezekiel Merryweather. At the age of twenty-two he was a young man living over on the headwaters of the Little Bushkill.

"He was a romantic sort of a fellow. He scorned a life of toil, and chose the easy and luxurious existence that comes of living in a brush cabin and chasing the fleet-footed denizens of the dim-lit forest from ridge to ridge, and bringing home their hide and tallow. He was an original Pike county hunter, and was known to clear

Cambria Freeman.

EBENSBURG, PA.,

FRIDAY, - - - - DEC. 22, 1882.

A JURY was sworn in the Star-route trials last week and after a lengthy opening address by the counsel for the government, the hearing of the testimony commenced. It is thought the cases will consume three months time.

IT seems now to be definitely settled that Mr. Pattison has tendered the office of Attorney General to Lewis C. Cassidy, of Philadelphia, in whose office he read law, and also the position of Secretary of the Commonwealth to William S. Stenger, Esq., of Chambersburg. It is understood that both these gentlemen have accepted, and that their names will be sent to the Senate for confirmation as the first official act of the new Governor

THE Harrisburg *Patriot*, as will be seen from its prospectus published elsewhere, offers strong inducements to those who wish to take a paper published at the State capital. The *Patriot* is a thoroughly reliable Democratic paper and is conducted with enterprise and ability of a high character. The next session of the Legislature will be a very important one, and as the *Patriot* will contain a full report of its proceedings, it ought to be most liberally sustained by the Democracy of the State.

HENRY WARD BRECHER entertains some very correct ideas about politics, however wild his notions may be about the existence of hell and the creation of man. In an inverview with him last week, in which the present and future of politics were discussed, he said; "In reference to the outlook in 1884, I cannot bring to my mind a single prominent Republican capable of leading the party out of its present chaotic state and insuring success. Blaine is the least acceptable of all. He is bold and brilliant, but rash, and his affection for the money power would be fatal to his candidacy." That is the view taken generally by shrewd Republican politicians of Mr. Blaine's Presidential chances.

THE millennial day is surely soon to be ushered in. On Monday last the resolution for a holiday recess of Congress from December 22d (to day) to January 2d, came before the House for consideration and was defeated by a vote of 105 years to 123 nays. But that is not all. "Tell it not in Gath, nor publish it in the streets of Ascalon," that on the same occasion that model statesman Geo M. Robeson, of New Jersey, introduced a resolution prescribing a fine of fifty dollars upon any member for each day's absence during holiday week, and it was adopted by the house. "Can such things be and overcome us like a summer cloud ?" and so forth. It is, however, all child's play, and the recess will yet be voted if we are not badly mistaken. P. S.—As above predicted, on the very next day after these virtuous proceedings took place, the same Geo. M. Robeson offered a resolution in favor of the recess, and after a two-hours' wrangle it was adopted by 127 yeas to 101 nays. In the House this may pass for statesmanship, but it is the lowest kind of Jim Crowism.

WE direct the attention of our readers to the prospectus for the coming year of the New York *World*, printed elsewhere. We can only repeat what we have said on previous occasions, that the *World* stands in the very front rank of journalism in this country, is dignified in its tone and is conducted with ability of the highest order. As a Democratic organ its influence and power are felt and acknowledged in all sections of the Union, and its reliability as a newspaper in the broadest acceptation of the term is universally conceded. The fullness and accuracy of its daily foreign intelligence is a marked feature of this great journal, and especially commends it to public favor. The *Weekly World* is invaluble to the farmer, and ought to find a place in the household of every one of that class of our population who can afford it.

THE Lancaster *Intelligencer* is directing the special attention of the Democratic members of the next Legislature to some of the items of expenditures at Harrisburg which they are expected to reform. For several years past the *Intelligencer* on frequent occasions has exposed the wholesale stealings and petty pilferings which go to make up a large portion of the enormous amount paid out of the public treasury, for what are called Legislative Expenditures, and to the extent of our ability we have aided the *Intelligencer* in pointing out the shameless frauds that are annually practiced on the State in the way indicated. If the committee of the next House on Retrenchment and Reform will take up the subject with earnestness and determination, as it ought to do, and apply the pruning knife with a merciless hand, it will receive unstinted public applause. The Auditor General's annual report will show where reform is demanded and how the plunder of the treasury can be prevented.

EX-MARSHALL HENRY, of the District of Columbia has left Washington in disgust and gone back to Ohio. He was a close personal friend of Garfield, who took him with him when he went to Washington to be inaugurated, and afterwards appointed him marshal of the District. A few weeks ago the present Attorney General, Brewster, demanded that Mr. Arthur should remove him, because of his alleged sympathy with the Star-route defendants on the former trial. His official head was quickly taken off and just before he left Washington, a few days ago, he said to a reporter that as far as that city was concerned, "it was a cesspool of rottenness and corruption"—that "the Republican party was largely made up of hypocites and togues, and that his removal was a diabolical outrage." Henry evidently knows a great deal more about Republican politics now than he did when Garfield induced him to leave his stone quarry in the Western Reserve, not far from Cleveland.

DURING a discussion in the Senate last week on Mr. Pendleton's civil service reform bill, John Sherman, in a short speech, denied that the result of the Ohio election in October was intended as a rebuke to the Republican party in Congress for its reckless and extravegant waste of the public money, and the real cause of the defeat was the demand of a part of the people in that State "for free whiskey and no Sunday." This imputation upon the motives of his constituents comes with a bad grace from a man who, during the recent campaign in Ohio, made no secret of his opposition to the action of the Republican Legislature last winter on the liquor question, and who privately denounced the efforts of Governor Foster to carry water on one shoulder and beer on the other. Sherman would hardly attempt to account for the political revolution at the November election in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin and California on the "free whiskey and no Sunday" dodge. In Ohio a majority of the members of Congress elected are Democrats. Were they elected on the question of free whiskey and no Sunday? Did the people in Ohio, or any other State, vote to turn the Republicans out of power in Congress and put in their places a majority of Democrats, for any other reason than the profligate expenditure of the public money, which has increased year after year, or was the revolution caused by a love for whiskey and no Sunday? It was a protest by the taxpayers against Republican extravagance and robbery, in conducting the affairs of the national government, and Sherman, who has become through officeholding at Washington a millionaire from being a poor man, thoroughly understands the meaning of the popular verdict. His "free whiskey and no Sunday theory" will not hold good in regard to the election in his own State, and still less in reference to the result in any of the others.

AN act of Assembly was passed in this State, in 1861, conferring on Justices of the Peace in Erie and Union counties the power of summoning a jury of six, to try certain minor offenses of the grade of misdemeanors. This act was subsequently extended to several other counties in the State, and some years ago a special act was passed conferring the same power upon Justices of the Peace in Johnstown. The constitutionality of such legislation has frequently been denied upon the ground that it is in conflict with the sixth section of the Bill of Rights, which says: "Trial by jury shall remain as heretofore and the right thereof remain inviolate." A case involving the constitutionality of the original act was argued before the SupremeCourt at Philadelphia last week. The case was that of Jno. Lavery, of Crawford county, who was arrested in Meadville, in November, 1881, for an assault and battery on Jas. Maloney, and brought before an alderman of that place. He was tried by a jury of six, convicted and sentenced to pay a fine a five dollars. The record of the proceedings before the Alderman having been taken to the Court of Common Pleas for review, that Court overruled the exceptions, and confirmed the judgment of the alderman. A writ of error was taken to the Supreme Court, and in behalf of Lavery it was contended by his counsel that the act of Assembly was unconstitutional, for the reason above referred to, that it was plainly in conflict with the Bill of Rights. On the other hand the act in no way abridged the right of a citizen to be tried by his peers, and that it was an advantage in saving to a person convicted the large amount of costs incident to all trials in the Quarter Sessions. The Court affirmed the judgment of the Court below thus maintaining the jurisdiction of the alderman and declaring the act constitutional.

IT is by no means certain that the Republican leaders will be able to make good their threat to admit the Territory of Dakota before the adjournment of Congress on the 4th of March. Nearly all the high officials in the Territory are at Washington pressing its admission. Ordway, the Governor, is there, and so is Harrison Allen, a former resident of Warren, in this State, and a blower and striker for Cameron, who recently had him appointed chief Marshal of the Territory. Other officials are also there, and each one expects to be U. S. Senator from the *State* of Dakota. The strongest argument, in their judgment is that at the November election 31,000 votes were cast in the Territory—just about the number polled in Lancaster county at the Presidential election two years ago, and only about 3,000 more than were cast in Berks county at the same election. The Democrats will resist the project to the bitter end. They had their eye-teeth cut at the session of 1876, when they could have prevented, but foolishly admitted Colorado, whose three votes were cast for Hayes and elected him. The contest over the question will be a bitter one, and if the Democrats succeed in defeating the scheme they will deserve the thanks of all fair-minded men.

HON. R. P. FLOWER, who represents one of the New York city districts in Congress, gave a dinner one day last week in Washington to the members of the Democratic Congressional Committee. The incidents of the late campaign were pleasantly discussed and especially the resources of the committee which all the members united in saying consisted of the necessary number of postage stamps and public documents, the opposition of the press of the country to Hubbell's assessments of government employes for political purposes, and the internal revenue and tariff issues, but that not one dollar in money had been spent by the Committee in an effort to carry a Congressional district. The country will be glad to learn that such is the fact, because it is a most instructive commentary upon the theory of the Republican leaders, that the Congressional elections could only be carried by the corrupt use of money. That experiment was tried through Hubbell's committee, and the people elected a Congress which will contain between sixty and seventy of a Democratic majority.

OUR PHILADELPHIA LETTER.

CHARITABLE GIVING—BEQUESTS TO CHARITABLE OR BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS ARE SELDOM EITHER CHARITABLE OR BENEVOLENT—COLOSAL SUMS OF MONEY—THE POWER OF MONEY—A MATTER OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE—STARTLING FACTS—A NATIONAL PERIL—WEALTH COVERS INFAMY AND SUCCESS KNOWS NO SHAME—A SEETHING CALDRON OF DISCONTENT UNDERLIES SOCIETY—A NEW PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD—A GOOD COMING OUT OF AN EVIL, ETC., ETC.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18, 1882.

DEAR MCPIKE—I have been pondering over the subject of charitable giving. The subject of charitable giving is one in which most people need much better training than they have yet enjoyed. It is plain to the most casual observer that many worthy objects are shamefully neglected by the very ones who ought to support them. All humanity wants credit for giving, but in any way, except in good wishes, don't respond to charitable appeals. There is but little difference between the Jew and the Gentile in the matter of liberality. The Jews of old were expected to give one-tenth of their incomes to the poor, but to what extent they lived up to their responsibility and privilege in this particular, and to what extent they dodged their duty, I have no accurate means of knowing. I do know, however, that now-a-days, with nearly all who could do, they let wishing take the place of doing. Bequests to benevolent or charitable institutions are seldom either charitable or benevolent. Those who live a life of close fistedness, when they have to die try to compromise for years of wicked stinginess by leaving in their wills bequests to certain charitable and benevolent institutions; but had it not been that they had to go away and leave their wealth the charitable and benevolent concerns would never have received a penny of it. It is true that a miser's money is just as good to charitable institutions as that given to them by a liberal Christian, but how much better it would have been for him to have given some needy persons the benefit of his money while living. There are objects of beneficence which every wealthy person knows of, or can learn of while living, but which they shamefully neglect.

COLLOSAL SUMS OF MONEY.

While I am not a communist, I must say that I look with great apprehension at the rapid accumulation of countless millions of dollars in the hands of a few individuals. The power of such tremendouos wealth as that of Vanderbilt, Gould, Mackey and others is not only great but dangerous. The concentration of such collosal sums of money, only a few of which I have now in mind and to which I will refer, will be a matter of great importance to the American people some day. Not very long since, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company sent to New York its single check for fifteen millions of dollars to pay for the stock of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad, which the Pennsylvania Railroad Company had absorbed. Jay Gould bought up all the loose odds and ends of railways in the southwest and northwest and welded them together into the Union Pacific Railroad system. Gould gave his check for five millions or ten millions of dollars (he forgot which), with which he captured the Western Union Telegraph Company. Just think of it! When Gould launched his monster monitor, the Western Union Telegraph Company, he didn't know whether his piratical craft had cast him five millions or ten millions of dollars. William H. Vanderbilt sold out his small interest in the Western Union for eight millions of dollars, and received a check for that amount. How many coupon bonds of the Government Vanderbilt holds heaven only knows. It is impossible to tell, even to attempt to tell, how much any very wealthy man is worth. Vanderbilt is probably the richest man in the world. He has fifty or one hundred millions of dollars more than he has use for. He has over fifty millions of dollars deposited in the treasury vaults in New York city. His income on city property alone is over two millions a year. Counting his railroad stock and other stock and bonds, his real estate, etc., his wealth is bewildering. Taking the wealth of Vanderbilt and letting it increase for ten or fifteen years as fast as it has increased during the last ten or fifteen years, and what is there he will not be able to accomplish? Ten, yes, hundreds of millions of dollars is no obsticle to the accomplishment of any design to such men as Vanderbilt, Gould and other money collosals.

Take Jay Gould, for instance, whose power over the railroad and telegraph lines of the country is boundless, what infamous project is there that he could not successfully carry out? The large sums of money that are at this day being transferred through the single check of a corporation or a single individual, is startling. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company not long since handed over to the Panama Railroad Company a check for twenty millions of dollars in payment of the stock of the latter company, and its authority was afterwards given the directors to issue 400,000 shares of new stock, to be sold and applied to the purchase of the P. W. and B. railroad, which 400,000 shares at par will amount to twenty millions of dollars.

A NATIONAL PERIL.

Here in the United States, notwithstanding the evidences of prosperity on every hand and means of rapid advancement in material wealth and influence, there are many indications of a storm. Indeed, all over the world things present a stormy appearance. A glance over the general condition of things presents a horoscope which may well attract the attention of conservative-minded men. The discord in Ireland, Russia and other countries is reflected in occasional outbreaks in Spain.—While there is no immediate occasion for alarm there is occasion for prudence. Storms are occasionally inevitable, and they effect those least who are best prepared for them. We reiterate that in this blessed country, notwithstanding the evidences of prosperity and of rapid advancement in material wealth, there are many indications that a storm of no small proportions is brewing. While we are not an alarmist, we must in candor say, there is seething caldron of discontent and disquietitude underlying society everywhere, and unless this Government is to prove a disastrous failure—unless this Government in its turn is to be plunged into the black abyss of ruin and oblivion that has swallowed up all the republics of the past, some remedy must be devised to save it.

In the United States at the present day wealth covers infamy, and success knows no shame. With us, a wealthy and unfluential criminal has a ten-fold better chance of baffling justice than one destitute of resources and friends. If Dorsey and Brady escape just punishment for their crimes, it will be through use of the millions of money they have stolen. In their case there can be no honest acquittal. If acquitted, it will be the corrupting of jurors and witnesses. It is the only way of escape for these criminals. There is not a shadow of doubt about the deliberate and repeated frauds perpetuated by these men, by which the government was robbed of millions of dollars. Wealth possessed silences all questions of how it was attained, and triumphant rascality holds its unblushing front higher than the head of unprosperous virtue. Universal corruption now prevails in our politics, legislation and civil service. Even the judiciary itself is smurched. The number of officers in the various departments of the public service who resist a bribe judiciously under circumstances where opportunity combines with temptations, is exceedingly small. Every candid and well-informed American will admit that the administration of justice in England is more pure than in the United States, and that English Judges, as a general rule, are more independent, impartial and incorruptible. We are far from assuming that all judges and politicians are corrupt, that courts and legislatures are venal, or that there are no honest officials and employees in our custom houses, postoffices and revenue departments. But the belief is general throughout the country and among all classes, that the great majority of those who make a business of politics are men utterly destitute of principal or honor; that, as a general rule, any municipal or State legislature can be controlled by skillful lobbyists, backed by capital and acting in the interests of powerful corporations.

PENNSYLVANIA BIG ENOUGH FOR TWO ROADS.

It will be happy intelligence to many citizens to learn that Pennsylvania is big enough for two railroads. It is gratifying to be assured that the Reading, together with the Lake Erie, the Pittsburgh, Youghiogheny and McKeesport, and the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroads, propose building a new South Pennsylvania railroad. The road is to start from the terminus of the Reading railroad at Harrisburg, and will connect with the Youghiogheny and Pittsburgh road, at a point on Youghiogheny river. It will be a prominent road as a western extension of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad to Chicago and the Northwest. The people of Pennsylvania and the general public will rejoice to learn that the Northern Pennsylvania Railroad will have a competing line. Success to the new road.

It does seem that good will sometimes come from evil. Like thunder storms purifying the atmosphere, villianies sometimes bring a healthful rebound of honesty and justice. Had the Star-route thieves been less greedy, they might have continued stealing the surplus from the Postoffice earnings so that the Department could not have run the machine at reduced rates of postage.—Happily, through their immense stealings the knowledge came that the rates of postage could be reduced, and when they are reduced, as they likely will be, the public should not forget the Star-route thieves.

The poor Washington city thieves cannot carry on their business profitably, because the Washington city detectives require too large a percentage of their stealings. Washington city detectives levy too high a tariff on Washington city thieves' plunder.

Tom. Ochiltree is to be presented with George Washington's little hatchet, with a picture of George, his father and the cherry tree on the blade. Tom. is delighted with this implied compliment to his voracious veracity.

It is hoped that Mr. Bliss will be ready for ex-Senator Spencer when he gets back from Canada, where he has gone to cool his ardent heels. Spencer has at present no railroad business, and can take his time in enjoying Canada's boreal delights, instead of the delights of the lobby in Washington. G. N. S.

Remember This.

If you are sick Hop Bitters will surely aid Nature in making you well when all else fails.

If you are costive or dyspeptic, or are suffering from any other of the numerous diseases of the stomach or bowels, it is your own fault if you remain ill, for Hop Bitters are a sovereign remedy in all such complaints.

If you are wasting away with any form of Kidney disease, stop tempting death this moment, and turn for a cure to Hop Bitters.

If you are sick with that terrible sickness Nervousness, you will find a "Balm in Gilead" in the use of Hop Bitters.

If you are a frequenter, or a resident of a miasmatic district, barricade your system against the scourge of all countries—malarial epidemic, bilious, and intermittent fevers—by the use of Hop Bitters.

If you have rough, pimply, or sallow skin, bad breath, pain and aches, and feel miserable generally, Hop Bitters will give you fair skin, rich blood, and sweetest breath, health and comfort.

In short they cure all diseases of the Stomach, Bowels, Blood, Liver, Nerves, Kidneys, Bright's Disease. $500 will be paid for a case they will not cure or help.

That poor, bedridden, invalid wife, sister, mother or daughter can be made the picture of health by a few bottles of Hop Bitters, costing but a trifle. Will you let them suffer?

A DASTARDLY DEED.—Fix's Hollow, a very lonely, isolated locality in the East End, Pittsburg, was the scene of a desperate outrage on Monday morning. For years past an old woman named Fix has occupied a house, with her son, a man about thirty-five years of age, as her only companion. The place is entirely isolated, and exceedingly lonely, the nearest house being half a mile distant. On the morning stated, while old Mrs. Fix was alone, an unknown man, supposed to be a tramp, entered the house, and after binding and gagging the old woman, rifled the house and secured about fifty dollars in money. Mrs. Fix succeeded in freeing herself while the man was up stairs and was about to leave the house when he assaulted her with a poker, beating her in a most brutal manner, leaving her lying on the floor in an unconscious condition, and, as he supposed, dead. At noon, when Mrs. Fix's son, Philip, who is employed in a brick yard near by, came to dinner, he found the house locked up and had to break open the door to get in. Mrs. Fix describes him as a young man, with full red face, black moustache and hair, and wearing black pants and overcoat and a slouch hat.

PHYSICIANS acknowledge the decidedly beneficial results derived from the use of Elys' Cream Balm for the cure of Catarrh, Hay Fever and Cold in Head. Price 50 cents.

Apply into nostrils with little finger.

A GENTLEMAN from Orwell, Pa., called my attention to Elys' Cream Balm as a remedy for Catarrh, Hay Fever, &c. He was so much benefited by it to be a positive cure (himself having been cured by it) that I purchased a stock. The Balm has already effected a number of cures. P. F. HYATT, M. D., Bordentown, N. J.

FOR TEN or twelve years I have been severely afflicted with Catarrh. Never before found such decided relief as from Elys' Cream Balm. I consider myself cured. J. W. Buffington, Mechanicsville, N. Y.

BEDFORD SPRINGS SOLD.—The Anderson heirs sold the Bedford Mineral Springs to Geo. K. Mullin, of the St. Cloud Hotel, Philadelphia, a week ago last Thursday, for the sum of $250,000, though there are other parties interested with him in the purchase. The property sold includes all the contiguous properties at and near the springs amounting to about 1,400 acres of land. The purchasers propose organizing a company of twenty shares at $25,000 a share, making the capital stock $500,000. It is said that Vanderbilt, who intends building the South Pennsylvania Railroad, desires stock in the company, and that he is offered eleven shares, which he will proably accept, thus giving him the control of the springs.

ONE EXPERIENCE FROM MANY.

I have been sick and miserable so long and had caused my husband so much trouble and expense, no one seemed to know what ailed me, that I was completely disheartened and discouraged. In this frame of mind I got a bottle of Hop Bitters and used them unknown to my family. I soon began to improve and gained so fast that my husband and family thought it strange and unnatural, but when I told them what had helped me, they said, "Hurrah for Hop Bitters! long may they prosper, for they have made mother well and us happy."—The Mother.

—A novel election bet has just been paid at Towanda. A confident Republican sold to a sanguine Democrat a load of potatoes at one dollar and a half a bushel in case Beaver was elected and fifteen cents a bushel in the event of Pattison's success. The potatoes have been delivered and paid for at the small figure.

DON'T DIE IN THE HOUSE.

"Rough on Rats" Clears out rats, mice, roaches, bed-bugs, flies, ants, moles, chipmunks, gophers. 15c.

NEWS AND OTHER NOTINGS.

—In Oconee county, Ga., lives a family of white negroes, with yellow, kinky hair.

—London's grand new Roman Catholic cathedral, to cost $1,250,000, is to be begun in the spring.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Killnan, of Berks county, had in her house a ton of homemade soap when she died.

—Silas and Annie Garvin, sisters, died at Lancaster within two days and were buried at the same time.

—Patrick Shelley, a contractor, was found dead at Renova on Friday and there is a suspicion that he was murdered.

—Bradford and nearly all the oil regions are lighted by natural gas. The cost to the consumer is fifty cents a month.

—Scarlet fever and diptheria are among the children of Easton. A number of deaths are occurring there weekly from these diseases.

—George Linder, Mt. Carmel, Pa., says: "My wife has used Brown's Iron Bitters for nervous headache and has been greatly relieved."

—A fire in Corsicana, Texas, on Sunday morning, destroyed seven brick business houses and 1,200 bales of cotton. Loss, $100,000.

—A famine prevails in Carrick, County Donegal, Ireland. The people are living on Indian meal. Twenty-five hundred persons are in danger of starving.

—Two miners named Shepherd and Levi were found dead on Thursday at Juniata Sand Mines, three miles west of Lewistown, Pa., under ten tons of sand.

—A Chester county decedent willed away his daughter, and the Register refused to probate the will the other day because he couldn't appraise the property.

—An elephant was reported among the killed in the railroad accident near Cincinnati. He insisted on riding with his trunk and the baggage car was telescoped.

—Thaddeus C. Noble, of Donegal, Washington county, who died lately had surveyed more than a thousand farms, the drafts of which he preserved handsomely bound.

—William Crouder, of Carlinville, Ill., while on his way to school with an open pen-knife in his hand, started to run. He fell, the knife penetrated his heart, and he died instantly.

—An organization of Irishmen in Philadelphia intends to strike a blow at the commerce of Great Britain by buying only American goods and Boycotting all politicians who will not do the same.

—The British bark Longrigg Hall, from Liverpool, struck on Tuskar Rock, off the coast of Wexford, Ireland, on Saturday. Twenty-four of the crew were drowned. Only two were saved.

—A merchant saved about a dollar, at Quincy, Ill., by using cancelled postage stamps, and has already paid a lawyer $100 for defending him, without as yet being sure of escaping imprisonment.

—By a premature explosion on the new railroad works near Snydertown, Northumberland county, the boss and five Hungarians were instantly killed while blasting a few days ago. Others were injured.

—While gathering pecans near Doerville, La., Gabriel Hunter threw up an iron ramrod, and it fell on the head of Jacob Garner, passing through his skull and brain down into his throat, killing him instantly.

—Edward Sharp, of Jackson county, Ga., lost his ear in a singular manner. He was washing the legs of his horse to cure the scratches, when the animal broke from the hitching post, and, attacking Mr. Sharp, bit off his ear.

—Mr and Mrs. David Johnson, of Plain City, O., paid a visit three miles from home, wrapping up their babe to protect it from the cold. On arriving at their destination the infant was found smothered to death in its mother's arms.

—At Pittsburgh on Monday George, alias "Babe" Jones, was convicted of murder in the first degree in taking the life of John Foster. Jones is but sixteen years old and one of a family of eleven children, whose parents live in Washington D. C.

—A water famine exists at Pittston, and many families procure supplies from the locomotive tenders. On Saturday Lizzie Keating, aged 12 years, after filling a vessel, jumped from the tender, and was run over and instantly killed.

—A Carlisle woman threw a pair of diamond ear-rings, valued at $1,000, in the fire at a Harrisburg hotel, by mistake, the other morning. The jewels were recovered subsequently at the expense of burnt fingers and melted gold mounting.

—At Cumberland, Md., on Saturday, engine 32, of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad, blew out the crown sheet, terribly scalding engineer George Reilly, Frank Caraffine and Engineer Caraffine and Miller died the same evening.

—John Wing, of Mendon, N. Y., lost a valuable horse in a singular manner. A mouse gnawed a hole from the manger into the grain bin, and though it the grain rushed into the feed trough. The horse feasted during the night and died the next day.

—Robbers in Mt. Vernon farm house, being unable to find the money which they knew was hidden on the premises, placed a cocked pistol at the head of a baby and threatened to blow out its brains. This made the mother give up the other treasure.

—A case believed to be genuine leprosy has developed in the almshouse at Salem, Mass. The patient is Charles Derby, who arrived from San Francisco a few days ago. The disease is pronounced leprosy by a physician who was familiar with that disorder in Africa.

—A watchmaker of Middlebury, Conn., has manufactured a clock which, at striking, will not disturb the sleep of Garfield's assassination. Guiteau frees the President falls. The scene shifts. A funeral service is represented; suddenly a door opens and reveals Guiteau on the gallows.

—August Nast, a German, died in Cresco, Iowa, a day or two ago of trichinæ from eating diseased pork. His wife, three children, and a girl servant are all sick from the same cause. Hopes are entertained for the recovery of Mrs. Nast and the children, but the visitor, Betty Gerhard, will probably die.

—Passengers on a Milwaukee, Lake Shore and Western train had an incidental bear hunt. The locomotive struck the brute and knocked him into a ditch, so that the impromptu hunters had no difficulty in surrounding him; but he was very lively on coming to, and scattered them right and left. An axe in the hands of the engineer finished him.

—At Canton, Ill., on Saturday morning, there was a boiler explosion in the plow factory of Parlin & Orendorf. Eight workmen were killed and two fatally injured. The killed and injured were warming themselves in the engine room at the time of the explosion. The building caught fire and $20,000 damage was done.

—Two brothers, George and James Fraley, the latter a mere boy, were arrested in comanche county, Texas, charged with stealing cotton, and were placed under guard at Hazle Dell. At midnight a mob, armed with shotguns, overpowered the guard, took the prisoners to a wood and hanged them to the same limb of a tree.

—Dr. George W. Wisener, a Baltimore oculist, cured a rich man of blindness, and the grateful patient bequeathed him a large property. When the man died, years after, his daughter was left a pauper, and she went to the Doctor for aid. He at once sailed for Europe, and placed the entire fortune in her hands. Now that he is dead, this act is recalled to his credit.

—Eva Terwilliger, of Independence, Ohio, made herself very attractive to several young men of the town, but when she had gained their affection she made it a condition of continued acquaintance that they should steal, under her directions, and bring to her the booty. They did so for a while, but became jealous of each other, and one has confessed.

—A young son of Mr. J. W. Useiton, of Wellsville, O., met with a singular and serious accident. While skating he picked up a piece of phosphorus and ignorant of results placed it in his pocket. The substance soon horribly burned him on the side and along the leg. So far all efforts to relieve him have proved ineffectual, and the little fellow is suffering greatly.

—Miss Sumner, of Waterford, Minn., being about to elope with Edward Lamphere, was careful to instruct him which of the two horses to take from her father's stable, because one was slow and the other fast, and she knew that the remaining beast would be used for pursuit. But Lamphere made a mistake, and the pair were overtaken before they reached a minister.

—James Brennan, a laborer, was choked to death in a dining saloon on Willoughby street, Brooklyn on Friday. He had just said that he was a good Catholic, but had a Protestant stomach and would eat meat. A piece of meat lodged in his throat and choked him before assistance could be rendered.

—The Lewistown (Pa.) *Gazette* tells of a little boy living in that place who was using an automatic pencil with indelible lead in school one day last week, when the point broke off and flew into his eye, the water of the eye dissolving the substance. Both eyes swelled shut, his face assumed a purple hue, and for a few days no relief could be found. He is now slowly recovering.

—Robert Lister Smith, or Bob Smith Lister, who has been confined in Moyamensing prison under sentence of one year for discharging a pistol at Samuel Josephs, which inflicted a wound in his foot, while returning from the Democratic convention at Williamport last summer a year, was released from imprisonment Monday morning, and he and his friends had a jollification at 'Squire McMullen's the same night.

—The ten year old son of a farmer named Wilkinson, living near Centerville, Ohio, mounted a young horse to ride him to the watering trough. He complained of the cold and, at his brother's suggestion, tied the halter to his wrist, so that he could put his hands in his pockets. The colt took fright at a strange dog and ran away. The boy was thrown off and dragged by the wrist until his skull was crushed and his body frightfully mangled.

—Two months ago, in the Ohio penitentiary, were held for life imprisonment two murderers from Fremont, Knapp and Welsh. Since then Knapp has been pardoned for the alleged reason that he had consumption and death was daily expected. He is in sound health and appeared so when he arrived at Fremont. On Tuesday the body of Welsh, who died in the penitentiary the day before of consumption, was sent to Fremont for burial. The wrong man was pardoned.

—A few days ago a man named Wilson, living in Braddock, was arrested and sent to jail. Shortly thereafter his wife left the place, deserting their two young children. These were taken in by a woman named Cole living in a shanty boat on the Monongahela river. The children met with such neglect that on Saturday night one of them died, and the other is not expected to live. The Coroner was to hold an inquest on Monday.

—A friend tells the story, says the Chico *Record*, and vouches for its truth, of a hen in this place with a brood of ten chickens, which she refused to provide for, and as they gave her great trouble she flew to the top of a fence one day, put her head between a couple of the pickets, and then stepped off, thereby committing suicide. The little orphans were adopted by a pullet only a few months old, which has never yet laid an egg but is taking care of the family with as much skill as an old tough hen could.

—Almost a year ago George Jones, a sixteen-year-old mulatto boy, shot and killed George Foster in front of a saloon on Water street, Pittsburgh. Last week the case was on trial and was concluded on Saturday. Next morning the jury sent word to Judge Bailey that they had agreed upon a verdict. The jury was sent for, and the prisoner brought into court. Their verdict was murder in the first degree. This makes the fifth murderer under sentence of death in jail in Allegheny county.

—An application was made in Common Pleas Court, No. 2, at Pittsburgh, on Saturday, which is the first instance of the kind that ever occurred in this State. This was the application of Mrs. P. S. Breckenridge, of Allegheny, for naturalization papers. Mrs. Breckenridge has been in this country thirty-one years, and having come when under age needed but one paper, which was granted. The lady is going to Europe and desired to be a citizen of the United States before her departure.

—A pretty octoroon girl asked the advice of the Chief of Police of Allegheny City on Friday as to how she could obtain the body of James Matthews, of that city, who committed suicide in Chicago a few days before by shooting himself. She claims to have been married to Matthews several years ago, and that his parents had induced him to leave her. The Mayor consulted with the family, and they promised to let the young colored woman see the body. The Matthews are of high social standing.

—A hog was raised for last week at Womelsdorf, Berks county, that is probably the largest hog in the United States. It weighs over fourteen hundred pounds and is called "Jumbo." Twenty-eight hundred tickets were sold, each ticket entitling the holder to three throws, the highest number of heads thrown with seven old copper cents to take the hog. An immense crowd from all parts of the county attended the raffle. It was won by a boy from Reading, who made eighteen heads out of a possible twenty one.

—John Schpengler, a laborer, shot his wife in Baltimore on Saturday morning while she was lying asleep in bed with her three children by her side. He then shot himself in the temple and fell dead. The wounded wife called for help and attempted to go down stairs, but fell on the floor and died in a few moments. Schpengler was a sober man, but indolent, and did not contribute to the support of his family. His wife's sister, with whom the family lived, had frequently refused him admission to the house on account of his indolence. He had not been in the house before Friday night for five weeks.

—Chicago now has her fifth prominent beretic. To the list, including Bishop Cheney, Professor Swing, Dr. Thomas and the agnostic actor, Mlln, is now added the Rev. J. F. Wilcox, recently the pastor of the first Christian Church, who has been cast adrift for preaching, contrary to the doctrine of the Church, that the wicked are utterly destroyed at death, and the righteous will be raised to a future life after the judgment. The only complaint made by the pastor is that his flock have not paid him—an oversight which he proposes to correct through the agency of the law.

—A strange story comes from Troy, N. Y., of a man named William Pendergrass, who passed a silver dollar in Buffalo last fall which was alleged to be counterfeit. He was indicted in the United States District Court at Auburn. When his case came to trial he plead guilty and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. The coin was afterward forwarded to Washington, where it was assayed and found to be genuine. As the President can ever find time to attend to the case it is probable the poor fellow will be pardoned, as there seems to be no other way of releasing him before the expiration of his sentence. He seems to have been a very simple-minded man and not to have understood the effect of his act.

—Henry Moser, of Phillipsburg, N. J., has been one of the most unfortunate of men. In 1882 his father was drowned and his sister died week before last after a protracted illness. Several years ago, while employed as a brakeman on the Jersey Central railroad, his head was injured by coming in contact with an iron pipe at a water tank left standing over the track. Since that accident he has been subject to a series of severe fits, which ended in his death. Last Thursday evening about 5 o'clock he was found dead at the foot of the steps in the interior of the Belvidere Delaware depot in Phillipsburg, having been taken with a fit at the top and fallen to the bottom. He was found lying in such a position that it is supposed he choked to death.

—Alfred Jinks, the owner of a farm in Stokes county, N. C., a few days ago sold his wife to Noah M. Gildwell, a neighboring farmer, for $500. He then sold his farm and moved away. The transfer was made as as though the man had simply swapped horses. Jinks told his neighbors said that he wanted to move away and was unable to take his wife. Gildewell said he himself was tired of living without a wife and was willing to buy if Jenkins was willing to sell.—Jenkins named $500, and after further conversation the transfer was agreed on. Mrs. Jenkens was consulted and cheerfully consented to the sale. She at once took her effects and went to Gildewell's house, where she is now living, and seems perfectly contented with her new husband and home.

HARVARD COLLEGE.

At a recent meeting of the overseers of Harvard College, a discussion was held upon a resolution which has been before the board for several weeks, that in the opinion of this board, the statutes making attendance on morning prayers and other religious exercises compulsory should be repealed. The board, by a strong vote, refused to adopt the resolution. But Mr. George Shiffer, lately of Martinsburgh, Blair Co., Pa., who had a cancerous growth on his nose, and who was advised the use of *Peruna*, before a visit to a Cancer Hospital, was allowed to use that par-excellent remedy, and by its use for a very short time, was cured completely—page 24 in the "Ills of Life"—get one from your druggist.

SURE ENOUGH.—Just before the election in Indiana, which was deemed so important by reason of its bearing on the Presidential contest, Garfield wrote as follows: "From twenty-five thousand to thirty thousand voters of Indiana are members of the denomination of Disciples, and at least half of them are Democrats. A quiet but very earnest movement, wholly outside the State Committee, has been organized, and is being vigorously and judiciously pushed, with the strongest probability that at least two thousand five hundred changes of vote in our favor will result." What an outburst of indignation there would be if a Roman Catholic candidate for office were thus to countenance an appeal to voters for their support based solely on the fact that he and they were members of the same communion!—*New York Sun.*

IF you feel dull, drowsy and debilitated, have sallow color of skin, or yellowish brown spots on face or body, frequent headache or dizziness, bad taste in mouth, internal heat or chills alternated with hot flushes, low spirits and gloomy forebodings, irregular appetite, and tongue coated, you are suffering from "torpid liver" or "biliousness." In many cases of "liver complaint" only part of these symptoms are experienced. As a remedy for all such cases Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" has no equal, as it effects perfect and radical cures. At all drug stores.

FOR THICK HEADS,

Heavy stomachs, bilious conditions "Well's May Apple Pills" anti-bilious, cathartic. 10 and 30 cts.

INGERSOLL ANSWERED.

THE INFIDEL ORATOR MEETS HIS MATCH IN BEAUTIFUL RHETORIC—AN OPPONENT WHO USES HIS OWN WEAPONS.

No one who has ever heard Robert Ingersoll lecture, will deny that he is a rare orator. His word painting is wonderful, his eloquence entrancing. Thus far in his crusade against Christianity this skeptic has appeared in the eyes of his followers a giant against pigmies. He has encountered an adversary, however, seemingly in every way his equal, even in his own peculiarities of rhetoric, to judge from the following extract from a sermon delivered on last Sunday week, on the occasion of the dedication of the Church of the Annunciation at Kansas City, Mo., by Rev. Father David S. Phelan, of St. Louis, well known as the editor of the *Western Watchman*. Having asserted that "the idea of the soul and the faith in its immortality must have come down from above, as earth could not have taught it, nor could death have inspired it," the reverend Father said:

If there is no hereafter, then life is one long debauch, and the highest education is to know how to find and how best to enjoy pleasure. If there is no hereafter, virtue is a deceit and heroism is a lie. See that young man bleeding from a hundred wounds. He died in

Cambria Freeman.

EBENSBURG, PA.

FRIDAY, - - - DEC. 23, 1882.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Here, There and the Other Place.

—Uh, Ah, Eli Perkins.

—Buy at the "Sugar Bowl."

—Prices reduced on axes at G. Huntley's.

—Go to the "Sugar Bowl" for Christmas candies.

—Buy your Christmas candies at the "Sugar Bowl."

—A fine lot of lap robes just received at G. Huntley's.

—Diamond Dyes, 10 cents per package, at G. Huntley's.

—Zinc binding and corners for oil cloth, at G. Huntley's.

—Syracuse salt, by the barrel or bushel, at G. Huntley's.

—A large assortment of boy's sleds, cheap, at G. Huntley's.

—If you want to buy a good wolf robe go to G. Huntley's.

—The largest assortment of toys in town is at G. Huntley's.

—A new stock of buffalo robes just received at G. Huntley's.

—Albums in abundance, all grades and prices, at G. Huntley's.

—If you want to buy a shot gun, rifle, or revolver, go to G. Huntley's.

—Second body sleighs, all ready to iron very cheap, at G. Huntley's.

—A nice assortment of silver plated ware just received at G. Huntley's.

—If you want the best cook or parlor stove in the market, go to G. Huntley's.

—Sleigh bells in profusion and cheap enough for anybody, at G. Huntley's.

—Canned tomatoes, peaches, corn, peas, etc., at lowest prices, at G. Huntley's.

—A large assortment of horse blankets, cheap as can be, at G. Huntley's.

—Skates ranging in price from 50 cents to $3 a pair, can be bought at G. Huntley's.

—Photograph frames, all styles, sizes, and prices, just received at G. Huntley's.

—New overcoats, new suits, new ulsterettes, just opened, at S. Sprankle & Son's.

—The largest assortment of queensware and glass ware in town is at G. Huntley's.

—The largest and best stock of lamps in town can be seen without a lamp at G. Huntley's.

—A large assortment of ladies' satchels, purses, bags, and pocket books, at G. Huntley's.

—They have a Wooden man for clerk at the City Hotel, Altoona. His front name is Allen.

—Pure, fresh and cheap are the good things you'll find at Parrish's store—bear this in mind.

—A large assortment of gents' pocketbooks and bill books, just received at G. Huntley's.

—If you want to buy one of the best trunks or valises to be obtained in Ebensburg, go to G. Huntley's.

—"Ratticide" is the best thing out yet to destroy rats and mice. 10 cents per box, at G. Huntley's.

—Buy at the "Sugar Bowl" and you will be sure to get bargains in all kinds of candies and groceries.

—S. R. White, Meyerstown, Pa., says: "Brown's Iron Bitters thoroughly cured me when suffering from a bilious attack."

—If you want Christmas goods or toys, go where you can find the largest assortment to select from, and that is at G. Huntley's.

—We think it is safe to say that the school teachers of this county and the people of Ebensburg don't want any more Perkins in their'n.

—The wonders of modern chemistry are apparent in the beautiful Diamond Dyes. All shades and colors of Ink can be made from them.

—The "Sugar Bowl" is headquarters for Christmas candies, etc., etc. Call not, therefore, to see the large and luscious assortment with which it is filled.

—Latest style hats, fur and winter caps at S. Sprankle & Son's, Altoona, Pa. Also an immense stock of red flannel underwear, winter shirts, trunks, valises, etc.

—The eight-month old son of our jovial friend, M. A. Yeagley, of Altoona, fell over on his side while sitting on the floor a few days ago and fractured his right arm.

—Only one issue of the FREEMAN will be printed during the coming two weeks. We can't say exactly when it will appear, but probably not later than the 2d of January.

—Bad temper often proceeds from those painful disorders to which women are subject. In female complaints Dr. R. V. Pierce's "Favorite Prescription" is a certain cure, by all druggists.

—Letters for the following named persons remain uncalled for at the Ebensburg postoffice: Mathias Hawkins, Michael J. Noel, H. R. Roberts, Rev. John Thomas, Joy Troxlar (2), E. E. Warner.

—Mr. Alex. Grief is going to get up and get out of the position of janitor at the new Court House, at the beginning of the new year, the work incumbent upon him being too much for a man of his age.

—Great knock down in prices! Another immense new stock of fine ulsterettes, overcoats and suits, at S. Sprankle & Son's, Altoona. Their goods have just been bought for the holiday trade, and are being offered at prices lower than ever before.

—We booked a half dozen new subscribers this week, and we only need twenty-one more to make the even twelve hundred. Won't some of the friends of the FREEMAN rush them in before the beginning of the seventeenth volume, a month hence?

—There is said to be a horse in Jackson township which gets along quite comfortably on a wooden leg. It begins below the knee, is fastened by broad straps, and is manipulated in such a way as to make a natural limb by the spirited little bay that sports it.

—This from the Hollidaysburg correspondent of the Altoona *Daily Times* of Tuesday last: Mr. Ed. Flick, a law student and one of Ebensburg's most popular young gentlemen, was in town yesterday. His friends would be pleased to have him come again.

—Miss Annie Criste has removed her millinery and dress making establishment from Summitville to Gallitzin, where she will carry on the business in all its branches. A full stock of millinery goods of all kinds just received and to be sold at the lowest prices.

—John Owens, High street, Ebensburg, sends greeting to his customers. If you come to my store any time this week, next week, or the week after, you will be allowed to take my goods away at *cost*. His stock consists of dry goods, boots and shoes, groceries, etc.

—Young or middle aged men suffering from nervous debility, loss of memory, premature old age, as the result of bad habits, should send three stamps for Part VII of Dime Series pamphlets. Address WORLD'S DISPENSARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, Buffalo, N. Y.

—If you don't want to be tempted to buy candies and sich, keep away from Parrish's — where the profusion is rich; but if you would gladden young hearts on Christmas, go near, for Parrish's store it will pay you to — a fact that will be more apparent when there you appear.

—Kriss Kringle this year will have his headquarters in the store of Carl Rivinius, High street, Ebensburg. The display of clocks, watches, jewelry, knick-knacks, and everything the heart covets or the eye delights in that is larger, nicer and cheaper there than anywhere else we know of.

—Never did Santa Claus provide more abundantly for his little ones than he is doing this year. For proof thereof, all you need do is to look in on E. C. Parrish at his confectionary establishment on High street, which is filled to overflowing with candies, nuts, fruits, and all the other good things imaginable.

—Mr. Isaac Evans, an old, well known and much esteemed citizen of the west ward, had the misfortune to fall into a vat at Kessler's tannery on Monday evening of last week, and was pretty severely bruised on left side, and also had his face cut and bruised in several places. Dr. Zimmerman is attending him.

—Uncle Jake Zeigler, of the Butler Herald, Speaker, Hon. P. Gray Meek, of the Bellefonte *Watchman*, for Chief Clerk, and Col. James B. Sanson, of the Indiana *Democrat* for Sergeant-at-Arms. Will our members of the Legislature bear these gentlemen in mind when it comes to organizing the next House at Harrisburg?

—We learn from the Braddock *Herald* that the fire-brick to be used for the conveyance of the hot iron from the blast furnaces to the steel works at that place, which was designed by our young friend Charles Schwab, son of Mr. John Schwab, of Loretto, has been completed. It is pronounced a great piece of mechanical construction and reflects no little credit on the gentleman named, who originated the project.

—Winter finds out what Summer lays by. Kidney Wort cures in Winter and in Summer. There is scarcely a person to be found who will not be greatly benefited by a thorough course of Kidney-Wort every spring. If you cannot prepare the dry buy the liquid. It has the same effect.

—A bright, merry Christmas and a happy New Year are what we wish to our patrons, whom we always hold dear; and when we write the word patrons we of course mean to say only those of our own readers who the printer man pay; for they are the folks whom it is fitting to call patrons in fact, while all the others, you see, are no pay-trons at all.

—A lad named David L. Owens, son of Mr. David Owens, of Cambria township, interviewed a circular saw in rapid motion at his father's saw mill, with his right hand on Thursday last, and now there little or no point to either of his three first fingers. Dr. Zimmerman dressed his wounds and eased his pain as much as possible and he is now doing well.

—We have only time and space to say that the lecture delivered Wednesday night by Rev. Chas. T. Steek, under the auspices of the Teachers' Institute, on the subject of "Recognized and Unrecognized Heroes," was one of the finest forensic efforts we ever listened to. It was replete with good sense, sound logic, pure sentiment and brilliant oratory. And so say we all.

—Hon. Jeremiah S. Black was in Johnstown one day last week, and while there requested Mr. F. A. Benford, of the Hulburt House, to buy him a deer at the first opportunity. On Thursday following Mr. Benford purchased a six pronged buck, weighing 160 pounds, which had been shot in Adam township by Mr. George Gramling, and shipped it per express to Judge Black, at York, Pa.

—Those of our citizens who formed the acquaintance of that genial old gentleman, Josiah King, Esq., senior member of the Pittsburgh *Commercial-Gazette* Publishing Company, during his somewhat extended sojourn at Belmont Cottage, in this place, last summer, will be sorry to learn that he died at his home in the above named city on Monday of this week, aged, we presume, about 70 years. Peace to his ashes.

—Eli Perkins is a pleasant talker and a graceful orator, but his "Philosophy of Fun," while it contains a good deal to laugh at and not a little to instruct, is made up for the most part of anecdotes and witticisms which have been bald-headed for quite a number of years, but which, all the same, were told in a way that excited the risibilities of the larger portion of his audience and to that extent at least was a success.

—The Clearfield *Republican* of last week must assume responsibility for the following: "About two weeks ago while a number of men were cutting down trees for square timber on the lands of Colonel E. A. Irvin, near the Cambria county line, on the Summerville & Stevens Job, a pine tree was cut down which proved to be hollow at the butt, and in it was found a nest of rattlesnakes, and when killed and counted tallied fifty-four venomous reptiles."

—There are hosts of people in this county who will greatly regret to learn that Hon. C. L. Pershing, of Pottsville, our own "little Cyrus" of former days, who has been too ill of late to attend to his judicial duties, is threatened with inflammation of the lungs. It is to be hoped, however, if the affliction does come, that it will not be of a serious character, and that Mr. Pershing will soon be himself again, physically, as he has always been mentally.

—Three youths named Jemie Williams, Thomas Gilcastle and John Collier were brought to jail here from Johnstown on Monday last and locked up to await trial for breaking into a P. R. R. freight car on the day previous, demolishing a lot of window glass and stealing the greater part of two barrels of whiskey consigned to Foster & Co., of that place. Two others of the party, named Edward Boyle and Thomas Murray, were released on bail.

—Do you want books and toys for the boys? Or charms and dolls for the girls? Or a watch for the young man, or a diamond for the maiden? Or—in brief—do you want anything extra nice for a Christmas present? Then go to C. Fuhrer's variety store, High street, Ebensburg. He has also tea, coffee, sugar, spices, boots and shoes, hats and caps—everything choice and fresh as to the first part of the category, and stylish and good as to the latter, and all so cheap.

—While we know nothing of the merits of the grievance complained of by Mr. A. T. Pindle in a communication printed in another column, we deem it but simple justice to say that so far as we have been able to judge from what we have seen and heard outside the present complaint, Postmaster James conducts the affairs of his office about as near right as it is possible for anybody to do. He is human to err, however, and Mr. J. is no more infallible than the rest of us.

—One night last week, while John Schittenhoim, an employe of the Gautier wire mill in Conemaugh borough, was fixing a belt on the shafting a set screw in the latter caught his clothing and in an instant doubled his body around it. The machinery was immediately stopped, and it was discovered that his right foot was torn off at the ankle, the limb lacerated to the knee, and the thigh broken in two places. His left leg was also broken. He lingered until last Saturday evening, when death relieved him of his sufferings.

—Only two of the properties offered for sale by John E. Scanlan, Esq., agent for the heirs of Owen McDonald, deceased, were disposed of at public sale on Saturday last, or at least only two of them were sold to outside parties. These two are the Cambria House property, now occupied by Mrs. C. H. Foster, which was purchased by Peter and Andrew Gutwald; sons of Joseph Gutwald, Ebensburg, for the sum of $5,000, and a square of ground near the railroad station, which was bought by Michael Donovan for $200.

—On Friday last the assignees of the William M. Lloyd estate offered at public sale the remainder of the real estate, including the homestead property, at their office in Altoona. The sale was well attended, the bidding was spirited and the prices received very satisfactory. Thirty-nine 'homestead lots were sold and the half interest in four lots in Logantown. The result of the day's sale aggregated $13,858. The sale adjourned till Tuesday, January 9, when the mansion house and the ground surrounding it, including something over an acre, will be offered.

—James A. Lyle, the Johnstown correspondent of the Altoona *Sunday Morning*, made an information last week before Justice Fisher, of the Johnstown *Democrat*, for libel. Mr. Woodruff entered bail for his appearance at the March session of Court. It seems that Lyle, in a letter to the *Sunday Morning* two weeks ago, criticized an article that had appeared in the *Democrat* of the previous week, and that the *Democrat* of the following week said something about Lyle which he regards as libelous, and he therefore thinks it right and proper to take his character into Court for vindication.

—Mr. John A. Conrad, formerly of Loretto, who moved to Braddocks with his son and daughter about two years ago, was struck by a locomotive and almost instantly killed on Thursday of last week at a railroad crossing in that place. The deceased was about seventy-five years of age and was well known and highly respected during his long residence in this county. He was the father of the late D. A. Conrad, a dwarf who resided for a long time and died several years ago in this place. His remains were brought to Loretto and interred in the Catholic cemetery on Saturday last. May his soul rest in peace.

—The prisoners, eight in number, sentenced at last Court, were removed to the Western Penitentiary Wednesday morning by Sheriff Griffith and Sherman Griffith, son of Jailor Griffith. Accompanying them was Luke McDonald, who had been adjudged insane and was sent to Dixmont. They occupied a special car from Ebensburg to Cresson, where Chief of Police Harris, of Johnstown, joined the party as an additional escort. There was no outbreak to mar the harmony of the excursion, and Sheriff Griffith has thus successfully closed out his official career so far as pioneering prisoners to the penitentiary is concerned.

—Richard L. Davis, of Julian street, authorizes us to throw out this suggestion: He has the best assortment of boots and shoes for both ladies and gentlemen ever seen in Ebensburg. This stock comprises wear for men which is stout and strong, and fine and stylish, and for ladies all that any person should not hesitate to buy as the furthest up of low down wear for the feet. Mr. Davis further says that if any person or firm in Cambria county can show up such good goods at the same low schedule of prices, he will forfeit fifty dollars. We ask our readers, as a special favor, to go and see Mr. Davis during these holiday times.

—Eli Perkins proposed in his lecture Tuesday night to take the Bible in one hand and Pike (that's what he called us), of the FREEMAN in or on the other hand, and go about abusing or disabusing the public mind, we don't know which, of any lurking belief that might be entertained in regard to certain allegations made by him during his preceding remarks on that occasion. He didn't do it, however, and we are sorry for it, because we would have been glad, and we doubt not the entire audience would have been glad, to see such widely diversified extremes as Perkins and the Bible coming together on friendly and familiar terms.

—The Moore family, connected with the South Fork homicide case tried in our late Quarter Sessions, have, it is said, come to Ebensburg to stay, though there is some doubt expressed as to whether they can obtain a suitable place wherein to locate their lares and penates. The original intention was to move into the former abode of William Roberts (colored) in the East ward, but the "to let" notice yet remains in its accustomed place on that building. In view of the fact that South Fork wouldn't have them, and Altoona didn't want them, and Ebensburg has no room for them, we respectfully suggest Bugtown as a good place to go to.

—We never heard of an epidemic, earthquake, deluge, or anything of like nature, that decimated the ranks of that comparatively small class of the world's citizens known as humorists, but it must be that they are pretty much all dead anyhow, because we read in the circulars and show bills which heralded the recent appearance in our midst of the irrepressible Eli Perkins, that he is "the greatest of living humorists." If that is so, and it must be so, for Eli was never known to utter a lie in his life, it looks kind of dangerous for anybody to be a humorist, as that sort of business don't seem to be at all healthy. Hence the appearance of Eli at the head of the class.

—An individual sailing under the strange name of Smith and claiming to be from the neighborhood of Carrolltown, sold a buffalo robe worth about ten dollars to Messrs. L. & S. W. Davis, of this place, on Wednesday last, for two dollars, and offered to sell them a horse and buggy in his possession for very much less than their actual value. This proposition led to the conviction that he had stolen the outfit and when he learned of the suspicions entertained on the subject he started off to find his brother, as he alleged, who could substantiate his claim to the property, but has thus far failed to return and the last seen of him he was on his way to Carrolltown on foot, having left the horse, buggy, etc., in possession of the Messrs. Davis.

—A horrible railroad accident resulting in the death of two young ladies named Alice and Flora Ermine, daughters of a farmer residing not far from the scene of slaughter, and also in the instant killing of a young man named Ellsworth Cameron and the injury to such an extent of a married man named D. B. Parks as to cause his death on the following morning, occurred about one and a half miles from Tipton, Blair county, on Thursday evening of last week. The unfortunate victims were on their way home from prayer meeting, walking on the railroad, and stepped from one track to another in order to avoid an engine which the indistinctly saw approaching with its tender in front, but instead of escaping the impending danger they got right in the way of it, and instant death in all but the one case noted was the result. The bodies of the four unfortunates were all more or less mangled and contused, while those of Flora Ermine and young Cameron being wedged in under the engine, from whence they were removed with great difficulty. It was indeed a terrible catastrophe.

—State Senator Boggs, of Johnstown, whom we have known from childhood's hour or at least not more than an hour or two later than that, and who, like ourself, is one of the few and brilliant men (taffy for us) that sports the initials "H. A." as handles to their names, delivered a lecture before the Teachers' Institute, now in session at the Court House in this place, on last Monday evening, the subject of his talk being "Astronomy," which was still further elucidated by the aid of a fine map of the solar system prepared for him by his fellow townsman, Mr. David Peelor. Our rotund friend Harry, like everybody else built from the ground up, is not a graceful orator, but he has a stentorian voice and a ready delivery, and these accomplishments, added to the fact that he has given the subject matter of his lecture close and careful study, make his lecture exceedingly interesting, instructive and entertaining. We congratulate Co. Sup't Strayer on having secured so rare a treat for our people, and also compliment Mr. Boggs on the planet-ude and brilliancy of his orb-servations.

—The Johnstown *Tribune* notes the fact that all the newspaper men in Cambria county except our neighbor of the *Herald* and ourself have been prosecuted for either libel or slander during the year now drawing to a close, but consoles us with the assurance that it is informed that McPike will be in the same boat with the rest of them as soon as the party who feels himself aggrieved finds it convenient to bring the action. Considering that better or worse men is the editorial harness, we forget which, than we ever were we already been run up to the bar, it does seem sort of lonesome for a Cambria county newspaper man not to be counted in on a libel or slander suit; yet for all that we will try and worry along without one for the rest of our days, and only hope the "convenient" alluded to by the *Tribune* has been so effectually lost that it can never be found. Meanwhile, however, we are willing to declare on the honor of Eli Perkins that if we ever said anything about anybody for which we are sorry, we beg a thousand pardons and promise never to do it again. There, now!—won't that suffice to save us from the meshes of the law.

—Before another issue of the FREEMAN will reach our readers, the county officers elected last November will have been sworn in to serve during the terms attaching to their respective offices. The ceremony will take place in the Court House here, before Associate Judges Flanagan and Masters, on the 1st day of January, 1883. Sheriff Luther Will displace Sheriff Griffith. The latter gentleman, a Republican in politics, has during the three years just ending performed the duties attaching to his office with strict fidelity and the utmost impartiality, and in his retirement will carry with him the best wishes of all for his continued health and prosperity. His deputy, D. B. Kinkead, was certainly one of the best officials in that position our county has ever known, while of the jailor, Evan Griffith, if is sufficient to say that he maintained good order, kept everything neat and tidy, and gave satisfaction as well to the prisoners as to the public. The two Jury Commissioners, Messrs. Weakland and Veil, Poor House Director John Rorabaugh, and Coroner John Cox will be duly installed at the same time and place. Mr. Rorabaugh is his own successor. Mr. Hornick and Daily go out as Jury Commissioners, and 'Squire Cox will take the position rendered vacant by the death of Casper Easly, Esq.

SERIOUS ILLNESS OF BISHOP TUIGG.—On yesterday week Rt. Rev. John Tuigg, Bishop of Pittsburg, was prostrated by a sudden and alarming attack of heart disease. He remained unconscious all of Friday, but rallied during the night, when the sacrament of extreme unction was administered to him in the presence of several priests of the diocese, and also of Bishop Kane, of Wheeling, who had been hastily summoned. His condition continued to be very precarious up to Monday evening, and at times but slight hopes were entertained of his recovery. We are glad, however, to be enabled to state, on the authority of the Altoona *Tribune* of Wednesday morning, that on Tuesday his physicians believed he would recover, although they refused to say that the point of danger had been certainly passed. The Bishop, as we learn, had an attack of the same disease while at Atlantic City about fourteen years ago, and recovered from it, although his physicians at that time pronounced his case hopeless. That his useful career may not be cut short by the hand of death is the hope and prayer of all who know him, and especially of those who recognize him as their spiritual guide and director. God grant him speedy recovery, renewed health and a long and less laborious life.

HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.—It has for many years been the Custom of the Pennsylvania Railroad to make reduced rates for round-trip tickets extending over the Holidays, and it is announced by the Passenger Department that the practice will be observed this year on not only the Pennsylvania Railroad, but on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore, West Jersey, Northern Central, Baltimore and Potomac, and the Philadelphia and Erie Railroads. Reduced rate round-trip tickets will be sold on December 23d, 24th and 25th, good to return until the 2d of January, and on the 30th and 31st of December and the 1st of January, good to return until the 2d of January.

T. B. PETERSON & BROTHERS, Philadelphia, have just issued a new and complete edition of the works of Mrs. Emma D. E. N. Southworth. Her latest work, "Self Made; or, Out of the Depths," has just been issued in two volumes, under the names of "Ishmael; or, In the Depths," and "Self Raised; or, From the Depths," the first of which gives as a frontispiece a new portrait of Mrs. Southworth, the other a view of her cottage on the Potomac. This new edition is in duodecimo form, and is complete in forty-three large volumes, bound in morocco cloth, with a full gilt back, price $1.75 each.

LADY BEAUTIFIERS.—Ladies, you cannot make fair skin, rosy cheeks, and sparkling eyes, with all the cosmetics of France, or beautifiers of the world, while in poor health and nothing will give you such rich blood, good health, strength and beauty as Hop Bitters. A trial is certain proof.

—Dried apples, beans, Lima beans, peas, peaches, corn and all other kinds of canned goods, at the "Sugar Bowl."

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ALTOONA, PA., OCTOBER 27, 1882.-tf.

INSTITUTE INKLINGS.

A HASTY GLANCE AT THE DOINGS AND SAYINGS OF THE CAMBRIA COUNTY TEACHERS DURING THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF THE INSTITUTE.

The Sixteenth Annual Session of the Cambria County Teachers' Institute was called to order at 2 o'clock P. M. on Monday, Dec. 18, 1882, by County Sup't Strayer President *ex officio*.

T. B. Johnson was chosen Vice President, R. Lena Morse Reading Secretary, and Appleton Bash Recording Secretary.

The Enrolling Committee reported one hundred and eighty-one teachers present.

Prof. C. A. Riddle delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to by Prof. Durling, of Indiana, Pa.

Prof. Montgomery then gave a talk on Primary Drawing, after which the Institute adjourned.

Evening session convened at 7.30. County Supt. Strayer gave a brief history of educational progress in Cambria county, after which Hon. H. A. Boggs delivered his lecture on Astronomy

TUESDAY'S SESSION.

At the opening of the session Tuesday morning Miss Patridge presented the principles of primary teaching according to the new methods. This lady made a very favorable impression upon the members of the Institute.

Prof. Durling then spoke of Hygiene in Schools, followed by Prof. Montgomery on the Quincy Methods.

At the opening of the afternoon session Mr. Durling occupied some time in discussing Language Culture.

Prof. Montgomery bade the teachers farewell, followed by Miss Partridge, who discussed further the details of Primary Teaching.

The afternoon's exercises were closed by the reading of a paper on "The Advantages of a Normal School Course for Teachers" by Appleton Bash.

At the evening session Eli Perkins delivered his lecture on the "Philosophy of Fun" and "The Perkins Family" to a large and appreciative audience.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSION.

After the opening exercises on Wednesday morning Prof. McKay introduced the subject of teaching grammar.

Mrs. Mattie McKay then spoke for some time on Practical Instruction on Primary Work.

Miss Patridge then continued her remarks on Principles of Primary Teaching until adjournment.

After the meeting was again called to order Mrs. McKay gave an interesting talk on Geography, followed by Miss. Patridge on Primary Teaching.

This being directors day, Mr. Gittings was called to the chair, when, after some remarks by M. J. Porter and others, Miss Patridge gave an earnest and instructive talk on What Shall We Do To Be Safe? wherein she portrayed the great evils growing from improper and careless training.

The query box was then opened and questions answered by parties to whom referred.

Directors' meeting then adjourned, after which Mr. Keeney read a very well prepared paper on "Popular Education."

The Institute then separated in two sections, the gentlemen occupying the Arbitration room, where matters relating to the proper control and arrangement of necessary outbuildings and belongings were profitably discussed by Mr. McKay and others.—The lady instructors meantime presented the same subject before those of their own sex, at the conclusion of which exercises afternoon session adjourned.

The exercises throughout were interspersed by music by the Ebensburg schools—as also by songs by the whole institute. The proceedings thus far have been quite interesting, and we have no doubt that teachers who attend faithfully to their duties will be much benefited thereby.

A STRIKE OF STEEL OPERATIVES AT JOHNSTOWN.—The only part of the Gautier steel mill at Johnstown that was in operation on Monday was the galvanizing room. The cause for the sudden cessation of work on the part of the majority of the employes was, they claim, a reduction of about one dollar per day in their wages made by the new order which went into effect on Monday. They say that there had been no reduction at wire mills in other places, and that they cannot work for less than the ruling price. A number of these men have been at Johnstown since the Gautier plant was put in operation, but what they will do is not yet positively known, but the program said to be followed until January 1st, and then start in search of employment elsewhere. Many of them expect to get blocks in the mill on the South Side, Pittsburgh, and others will doubtless find work at Beaver Falls. The action which the men have taken was decided upon at a meeting on Saturday evening. A committee was appointed to wait upon Mr. P. E. Chapin, general superintendent of the Gautier steel department and inform him of the course the men intended to pursue.

A MIRACLE IN OIL CITY.

DOCTORS DUMBFOUNDED—DRUGGISTS AND THE PEOPLE WILD WITH EXCITEMENT.

[From the Oil City *Derrick*, July 21st, 1881.]

Miss Maggie Martin, of this city, has been ill and confined to her house for several years. Our best physicians failed to give her relief. She took *Peruna* and, to the astonishment of all who knew her, she is now up and about again. Mr. Simmons, the druggist, sold 184 bottles last week. He buys in gross lots. Mr. Cowell, too, sells it. Ask your druggist for Dr. Hartman's "Ills of Life" (gratis) or address Dr. H., at Osborn, O., for one.

A KNABE IN THE WHITE HOUSE.—There was seen yesterday at Messrs. Knabe & Co.'s factory a magnificent concert grand, just finished by them for the presidential mansion, President Arthur, who is a thorough connoisseur of music, in selecting a piano for the White House, decided in favor of the Knabe Piano as his preference, and ordered accordingly the instrument referred to. It is a concert grand, of beautiful finish, in a richly carved rosewood case, and of superb tone and action—an instrument worthy in every respect of the place it is to occupy. It was shipped to its destination yesterday.—*Baltimore American.*

A VEXED CLERGYMAN.

Even the patience of Job would become exhausted were he a preacher and endeavor ing to interest his audience while they were keeping up an incessant coughing, making it impossible for him to be heard. Yet, how very easy can all this be avoided by simply using Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Trial Bottles given away at James' Drug Store, Ebensburg, Pa.

It is not necessary to pick our words in mentioning the Philadelphia *Times*, the prospectus of which journal appears in another column. *The Times* has got to be a sort of necessity with some people of this community and it ought to be with many more. It has many imitators all over the land, but there is really nothing like *The Times* from Maine to California. We have persuaded ourselves at times that the reasons the people like it so much is that it is constantly giving its readers juicy bites from the sunny side of the journalistic peach.

LADIES, IT'S JUST LOVELY.—A patent "Rough on Rats," iron holder, 10c; a beautiful transparent placque, 5c; a comic chromo, Household Troubles, 13x21, 10c; a set large sized scrap book cards, finely colored, 5c.; a sheet "Rough on Rats" music, with song and chorus, 5c.; the "Seaside Sibyl," a fortune teller in verse, filled with comic illustrations and jokes, 5c. All postpaid on receipt of 20c. E. S. WELLS, Jersey City, N. J.

—A deer was killed with a club by Amos Dry, on Tuesday of last week, while attempting to cross the dam at Tyrone Forge, Blair county. Adam Dry deer hunt, that.

SKINNY MEN.

"Well's Health Renewer" restores health and vigor, cures Dyspepsia, Impotence, Sexual Debility. $1.

COURT CHRONICLES CONCLUDED.—Our paper went to press last Thursday with the case of Kipple vs. Poffenberger on trial.—Verdict for defendants.

John and Henry Ludwig vs. Louis F. Leitenberger—action for a piece of land in Johnstown. Verdict for defendant.

Hood, Bonbright & Co., of Philadelphia, vs. E. Gruber, of Carrolltown—book account. Verdict for plaintiff for $32.

Julia McCall and others vs. Adam Myers and others—ejectment, from Washington township. The case was tried two years ago, resulting in a verdict for defendants, but a new trial was granted. For a variety of reasons the Court ordered a non-suit, with leave to move to take it off at Argument Court.

Kelly & Kirk, for use of Thomas Kirk, Sr., vs. John Wagner—appeal. Verdict of $27 for plaintiff.

In the case of Hood, Bombright & Co., vs. E. Gruber, a rule on plaintiff was granted, returnable at Argument Court, to show cause why judgment should not be entered without costs.

Court adjourned at 5.30 o'clock Friday evening, to meet January 1, 1883, at one o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of swearing in the new county officers.

COMMUNICATION.

EBENSBURG, Dec. 12, 1882.

MR. EDITOR—I do not desire to be considered a chronic fault finder, and I can bear a large amount of *harmless* blundering uncomplainingly, but I am unwilling to submit meekly and without a decided protest to the *grave* blunder—to draw it mildly—of having important letters, *plainly* addressed to me, delivered at the Ebensburg postoffice to Mr. Brown, or some other equally responsible person, who happens to call, to be opened and carelessly thrown aside, and, after about five weeks retention, returned to said office and then handed to the owner. Evidently there is a screw loose somewhere. Who shall fix it? And who shall solve this enigma: Make P—I—N—D—L—E spell B—R—O—W—N? Perhaps it may require a government expert to unravel it. Seriously speaking, such an *error*, if it may be so classed, should never have occurred. There is no such word in the vocabulary of a public officer. More especially, and of all others is a Post master without excuse, who is intrusted, and is popularly supposed, to be the custodian of the people's written and sealed communications, and who is responsible for the proper care and safe delivery of the same.

As this is not my first or only experience in this role within a short time, I hereby publicly enter my protest against such practices, and trust that, so far as I am concerned, this warning may prevent their repetition in future.

Respectfully, A. T. PINDLE.

HUSBAND comes Sudden start!
Home at night, And a stare;
Gets a kiss; On his coat
That's all right. Sees a hair!

Playful wife Color red—
On his knee, Her's is black—
Sits and talks Sobs and tears,
Waiting tea. Fury, 'thwack!

Husband goes
Out at night;
Won't come back
Till he's tight.

The foregoing is not exactly holiday poetry, but it will be a holiday business if everybody does what is right at all times. Just now, it would be right to go and see S. Blumenthal, 1119 Eleventh avenue, Altoona, and buy a pair of boots or shoes for self, wife and each member of family. He sells good stock, sells cheap, and warrants everything which goes out of his establishment.

PEPE ROLEUM hath its little lambs,
Their feelings ebb and flow;
No matter where the market leads,
Their cash is sure to go.
"What makes the lambs leave Peter so?"
The brokers ask and smile
To see the fleece fall before
The downward march of tile.

The downward price of oil "got" very few of our readers—we hope. It is a dangerous substance for the uninitiated to tamper with. But not so is the ready-made clothing sold at the New York Clothing Hall, 210 Main street, Johnstown, for there, you ask for the quality of goods you want, pay the price, and go away satisfied. It is a clothing-house good to tie on to.

A LITTLE father o'er the stile
As he would fain a sister—
Just as some mother lad would do—
He bent him down and kissed her.
The maiden cried "Aunt you a wretch
To treat a girl so badly!
You'd daughter be ashamed, I say,
To cousin me so sadly!"

There is as much wit, in a general way, in the foregoing, as there was in Eli Perkins' lecture on fun before the Teachers' Institute Tuesday evening last. There is no fun in the assertion that follows, to wit: That Jas. J. Murphy, 109 Clinton street, Johnstown, is selling the cheapest holiday goods in Cambria county. This is a positive fact. An order at this time will receive the most favorable attention.

HYMENEAL.

CORBIN—STORM.—Married, at the pastoral residence, Summitville, on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1882, by Rev. Father Devin, Mr. MILTON CORBIN, of Johnstown, formerly of Fulton county, and Miss JULIETTE, daughter of Mr. J. E. Storm, of the first named place.

OBITUARY.

BRADLEY.—Died, on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1882, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. John Bannan, in Allegheny township, Mrs. ELLEN BRADLEY, in the eighty-second year of her age.

The deceased was born in County Derry, Ireland, and coming to this country some years afterward, was married in Philadelphia to Mr. Patrick Bradley, who survives her at the advanced age of nearly ninety years. Mr. B. came to this neighborhood thirty-five or forty years ago, and became owner of the farm three miles east of town on which Bradley's station, on the Branch railroad, is located. About fourteen years ago he sold his farm and he and his wife took up their residence with their son-in-law Mr. Bannan. Mrs. Bradley was a kind hearted, charitable and religious woman, and was greatly esteemed and respected by all who knew her. Her remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery at Loretto after the celebration of a Requiem Mass, on Thursday last. May her soul rest in peace.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.—Notice is hereby given that an election for Directors of the Protection Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Cambria County will be held at the office of the Secretary, in Ebensburg, Pa., on *Monday, January 8th, 1883*, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.

T. W. DICK, Secretary.
Dec. 18, 1882.-3t.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
Estate of JULIA BARRINGTON, dec'd.

Letters of administration on the estate of Julia Barrington, late of Ebensburg borough, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, and hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate that immediate payment must be made, and those having claims against the same will present them in legal form for settlement.

WILLIAM LEMMON, Administrator.
Ebensburg, Dec. 22, 1882.-6t.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.
Estate of MATTHIAS BEHE, dec'd.

Letters testamentary having been issued to the undersigned on the estate of Matthias Behe, late of Allegheny township, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate that payment must be made without delay, and those having claims or demands against the same will present them, properly authenticated for settlement, to

MICHAEL NOON, Executor,
Carroll Twp., Dec. 22, 1882.-6t.

STRAY COW.—Strayed from the residence of the subscriber, in Altoona, on or about the middle of last October, a red cow rising six years old, of medium neight, nice short horns turning inward, a small star in forehead, a short tail with white at the end, some white on the belly and the belly and flanks and extending down to her hind knees. She was raised in White township, Cambria county, and when last seen was heading in that direction. Any information that will lead to the recovery of said cow will be liberally rewarded by PATRICK TIERNEY,
Dec. 22, '82-3t.* 1111 Seventh St., Altoona, Pa.

BEER BOTTLING.—Having purchased the Bottling Establishment of R. Abel & Co., Dec. 4, 1882, we have exclusive control of the bottling of Frank Fait's celebrated Milwaukee Export Beer. Sold in pints and quarts. Orders for Beer in kegs or barrels promptly attended to and satisfaction guaranteed. Telephone in office.

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Dec. 22, 1882.-3m. Secretary.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF WM. M. LLOYD, *Bankrupt*.—In the District Court of the United States, for the Western District of Pennsylvania, it was ordered that the Fourth General Meeting of the Creditors of the Estate of William M. Lloyd, Bankrupt, should be held at the office of N. W. Shaffer, Register in Bankruptcy, in the City of Altoona, Pennsylvania, on the *5th day of January next*, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at which meeting the Assignees will make report of their proceedings in accordance with the provisions of the 27th Section of the Bankrupt Act of March 2, 1867, and Section 5

A Plain and Easy Way of Curing Hams.

The principle thing in curing hams is to get them just salt enough to keep them and not so salt as to injure the flavor and cause them to get hard.—Hams should be neatly trimmed and cut rounding, to imitate as close as possible the hams of commerce.

Trim closely, so there shall be no masses of fat left at the lower extremity of the hams. The shoulders should be cut in shape convenient for packing, and they should be salted in separate packages from the hams.

Hams are cured by both dry salting and brine. When dry salting is employed the hams are rubbed often with salt and sugar. Between each rubbing they are bunched up on platforms or tables, the surface of which is spread with a layer of salt, and each ham is also covered with salt. When taken up to rub, which is usually done five or six times, a shallow box is at hand in which to do the work.

When brine is used prepare the pickle strong enough to float an egg and stir into it a sufficient amount of sugar and molasses to give it a sweetened taste. Some add a little saltpetre to color the meat, while others claim that it tends to harden the meat. In moderate quantities it is generally accepted as beneficial. Cover the hams with pickle and place the packages where the temperature is uniform and above freezing. For hams of twelve pounds four weeks will be sufficient; large hams must remain in the brine a longer time. In general, from three to seven weeks embraces the extreme of the time required for domestic curing of hams, varying as to size of the hams, temperature, and time when they will be required for use. When it is designed to keep hams through the summer, they must not be removed from the brine too soon.

Shoulders require much the same treatment as hams, and both should be carefully smoked. The preservative principle of smoke is known as creosote. Smoke made by burning cornecobs is recommended, but those engaged in curing meat on a large scale prefer smoke obtained from dry hickory that has been stripped of its bark. The smoking process must not be too much hurried or the creosote will not have time to penetrate the entire substance of the meat. Ten days smoking are usually sufficient unless the pieces are very large and very thick.

A process in ham curing practiced by some of the leading packing houses consists in creating the smoke in an oven outside of the smoke house, and passed through underground pipes into it. The smoke, rising from the floor to the top of the house, encounters two opposite currents of air drawn from the outside. The currents cause the smoke to form into a rapidly revolving horizontal column which passes among the hams. The smoke is not warm to heat the hams or hot air to blacken them. The hams under this process are smoked in very much less time than by the old method.

While canvassing hams has nothing to do with their flavor, it is a protection from insects, and will pay the farmer for the extra labor. Wrap each ham in coarse brown paper and then sew it up in cotton cloth cut to suit the size, following the shape of the ham. When covered as described dip them in a wash made of lime water and colored with yellow ocher. Hang up in a cool place to dry. The wash closes the interstices of the muslin, and the whole forms a perfect protection against insects. The room in which any kind of cured meat is stored should be dry and cool and the darker the better.

A DOUBLE BOY.—M. Paul Bert has lately sent the editor of *La Nature* from Geneva, two photographs of a human monster exhibited there, living, aged 5 years, having been born in Turin in '77. It has two heads, four arms, and two chests, but one abdomen and one pelvis, and two legs, that is, it is double above the middle of the body. The fusion of the two bodies begins at the sixth rib. From due examination and what has been observed in previous monsters of the kind (they were named Xiphodyme by Isadore Geoffrey, St. Helair) it may be affirmed that there are four lungs, two hearts and two stomachs; the small intestine is double at its commencement but in greater part single. There are really two individuals. The right leg obeys only the right individual, who alone feels pinching on it; and similarly with the left. The sensibilities of each half of the bodies is in exclusive rapport with the head of the same side. The two individuals were baptized doubly under the names of Jean and Jacques. They are equally developed from physical point of view (excepting a slight club foot on Jacques' leg) and intellectually they are much alike. Their intelligence is normal; they reply to questions of visitors in French, Italian or German. They seem gentle and amiable, and also lively and often playing together while lying on cushions, or on the knees of their reputed father. It is said that they never have been ill. It has been shown, in the case of other double monsters, that one may have an inflammatory fever, while the other continued well; but the like would not occur with infectious desease or poisoning. Several cases of these Xiphodyme monsters have been recorded in history; but very few have lived.

KEEPING EGGS FRESH.—A farmer's wife gives this simple plain for keeping eggs fresh: I saw a very good arrangement for keeping eggs fresh, at a friend's house, a short time since, and it was so simple and practicable that it ought to be generally known. It was a set of shelves two feet long and eight inches wide. There were four of them, with a space of five inches between the shelves. They were made of hard wood boards, planed, and round holes bored with an inch auger ran the whole length—three rows of holes on each shelf, and twelve in each row; one shelf would hold three dozen eggs. The eggs were set in with the small end down, so that the yolk could not settle against the shell. The lady said she had kept eggs six months in this manner, perfectly sweet; also, that the free circulation of air around them was very important and there was no danger of cracking the shell—and I noted it in my mind as a thing well worth remembering.

A DISCOVERY.—A new way of dressing wounds, which was discovered by accident, has been introduced in the clinic of Prof. Esmarc at Kiel by Dr. Neuberg. Two years ago there appeared at the clinic a laborer who had sustained a compound fracture of the forearm eight or ten days before, with considerable laceration. He had got a comrade to surround the whole forearm at once with a thick paste of peat mould, on which was laid a rough splint of wood. When he came to the clinic he was in good general health, and on clearing off the mould the Doctor found the wound to be healing beautifully, without any sign of suppuration. Dr. Neuberg was led by this experience to investigate the properties of peat mould, and his conclusion is that it is peculiarly valuable for dressing wounds, chiefly because of its great power of absorbing the products of decomposition.

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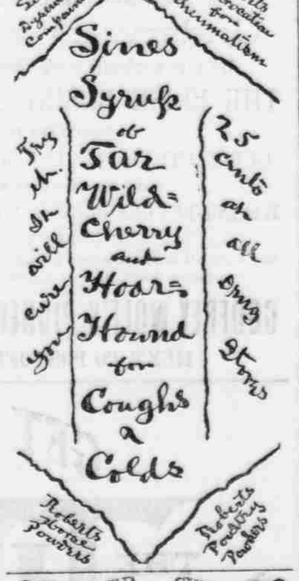

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In 1881 the same state of affairs existed; and as these seasons followed two winters of exceptional severity, the theory became generally accepted that the loss of vitality was caused by the occurrence of extreme cold before the corn had become fully dried out. In the latter season especially, this low temperature occured so early in the season that corn which had been saved expressly for seed, being husked early and thrown in thin layers in dry lofts, was nevertheless so injured that but a small per cent. of it would grow.

This fall the corn crop is unusually late, owing to the unfavorable weather of the spring, and should we have such an early setting in of winter as we witnessed two years ago, there can be no doubt that much of it will be caught before it is fully matured. Moreover, judging from the experience of the past few years, we may reasonably expect early and severe cold during the coming winter. Should the experience of 1879 and 1881 be repeated next season the amount of loss entailed will be greater than it was then, because then, in both cases, we had comparatively good crops to fall back on, while in this case the present high prices have undoubtedly drawn nearly the whole of the small crop of 1881 into the market.

In view of these facts we would urge upon our farmer readers to select their seed corn early in the season, and then not to depend upon curing it in the ordinary way, but either to hang it in the smoke house or kitchen, and subject it to artificial heat, or to place it in some part of the house where it may be protected from extreme cold. In doing so, it must also be borne in mind that too great a degree of moist heat is as dangerous as cold, since if the corn is allowed to mould its vitality will be destroyed.—*Farm and Fireside,*

A PROTECTION FROM RABBITS.—A correspondent of the *Gardeners' Monthly* says: A few years ago I was greatly annoyed with rabbits barking my young apple trees. To prevent their depredations I made ropes of hay. These I wound around the trunks of the trees from the roots to the first limbs in the fall. I left them on all the following summer, and when I removed them in the fall I found the bark fresh and healthy and free from blotches. I repeated the operation for some years, and in consequence have healthy, vigorous trees, free from fungus and all disease, and yeilding an abundance of fruit. The process is not only good for protecting the trees from rabbits, but also to protect the bark from the cold winds of winter and the hot sun in summer.

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Toclean ceilings that have been smeared with kerosene lamps or the fragrance from fried salt pork, remove the ceiling, wash thoroughly with borax, turpentine and rain water, then hang on clothesline to dry. After, pulverize and spread over the pie-plant bed for spring wear.

To remove starch and roughness from flat irons, hold the iron on a grindstone for twenty moments or so, then wipe off carefully with a rag. To make this effective the grindstone should be in motion while the iron is applied. Should the iron still stick to the goods when in use spit on it.

To soften water for household purposes put in an ounce of quicklime to a quantity of water. If it is not sufficient use less water or more quicklime. Should the immediate lime continue to remain deliberate, lay the water down on the stone and pound it with a base-ball bat.

To give relief to a burn apply white of an egg. The yolk of the egg may be eaten or placed on the shirt bosom, as suits the taste of the person. If a burn should occur on a lady she may omit the last instruction.

To wash black silk stockings, prepare a tub of lather, composed of tepid water and white soap, with a little ammonia. Then stand in the tub until dinner is ready. Roll in a cloth to dry. Do not wring but press the water out. This will necessitate the removal of the wet stockings.

If your hands are badly chapped, wet them in warm water, rub them all over with Indian meal, then put on a coat of glycerine and keep them in your pockets for ten days. If you have no pocket convenient insert them in a pocket of a friend.

Woolen goods may be nicely washed, if you put half an ox-gall into two gallons of tepid water. It might be well to put the goods in the water also. If the mixture is not strong enough put in another ox-gall. Should this fail to do its work put in the entire ox, reserving the tail for soup. The ox gall is comparatively useless for soup and would not be preserved as an article of diet.

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